



King County

Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board
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Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB)

Meeting Summary

May 20, 2009 2-4 p.m.

Douglass-Truth Library – Seattle

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Dorry Elias-Garcia at 2:06 p.m.

Roll Call

A quorum was not reached.

Board Members Present: Kathy Brasch, Dorry Elias-Garcia, Edith Nelson, Joe Ingram
(part of the meeting)

Board Members Excused/Absent: Kevin Bernadt, Kathy Hadaller

County Staff Present: Joel Estey, Department of Community and Human Services
(DCHS), Laird Heia, DCHS; Jon Hoskins, DCHS, Marcy Kubbs, DCHS

Guests: Doug Hoople Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB); Lois Schipper,
Public Health – Seattle & King County

Review of Meeting Summary

The draft March meeting summary was reviewed. A change was recommended and noted.

ACTION: The March meeting summary approval with changes was tabled until the next meeting or when a quorum can be reached.

Board Elections

Due to low number of members present, the board elections will be delayed until next meeting. Current officers will continue to serve until that time.

Update on Strategy 4.1

Lois Schipper gave an update Strategy 4.1 – Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) - and specifically came to the board requesting a change in funding. The Service Improvement Plan (SIP) directed that \$400,000 annually be allocated to expand the NFP operated by Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC). Human Services Levy funds ensured that the program's services would be available to young low-income first time mothers throughout King County, rather than only in certain regions, promoting healthy child development to reduce the risk of future criminal behavior and/or dependency programs.

Due to the current economic downturn, the NFP has lost one local grant source of funding and is in danger of losing three of its Public Health nurses. PHSKC has a plan to apply for federal grant funding for the program but is in need of temporary support to transition from the current loss of funding to the federally funded support. They are requesting an adjustment in levy funding to provide that interim support.

The proposal has two elements:

- Revise their plan for using unspent funds from 2007. Due to delayed start-up in October of 2007, the NFP spent considerably less than its \$400,000 allocation for 2007 and planned to use the remaining \$319,718 by spreading it over the remaining four years of the Levy. PHSKC wants to revise their spending plan to use some of the funds that had been prorated for 2010 and 2011 to support the program in 2009 until grant funding is secured (total of \$106,051, \$53,025.50 from each year).
- Use \$106,949 in other unspent 2008 Strategy 4 funds.
 - The Pilot Services for Maternal Depression, Activity 4.2 has \$38,362 of unspent 2008 funds, which they would transfer to Activity 4.1 to support the NFP until additional grant funds are secured.
 - The Early Childhood Intervention/Prevention, Activity 4.3 has \$82,469 in unspent 2008 funds, of which they would transfer \$68,587 to 4.1 to support the NFP until additional grant funds are secured.

President Obama has proposed a Nurse Home Visiting program that would provide funding to all states for evidence-based models in the 2010 budget, which will begin October 2009. Lois Schipper is reasonably confident Public Health – Seattle and King County would be successful in securing some of those funds.

The RHSLOB discussed the requested change in funding for Strategy 4.1 and supported both elements of the proposal. Board members suggested criteria be developed to provide guidance in responding to future funding requests. Staff is working on preliminary policies which will be presented to the boards once completed.

Committee Reports

Strategy 5: At this committee meeting, Jon Hoskins reviewed evaluation work plan and timeline for completion of upcoming work. He also reviewed the 2008 service and demographic data received from program managers. A total of 20,000 clients were served through levy-funded activities in 2008. In addition, Jon reviewed the first section

of the Strategy #1, Veterans Services Evaluation Report. It summarizes data from numerous sources and presents a snapshot of King County's veteran population.

Communications Committee: On April 30th, the committee held a Speaker's Bureau training at the Beacon Hill Library. Bill Block, Project Director for the Committee to End Homelessness, provided information to future presenters on how to present information clearly and in an engaging manner. He and members present made recommendations on revisions to the Levy PowerPoint presentation. In addition, each presenter had an opportunity to practice presenting in front of the group and spent some time developing their own person story to use to introduce themselves to the audience. It was recommended that board members participating in the Speaker's Bureau attend some of Sadikifu's presentations on the Levy to observe her presentation approach.

Update on Strategy 5

Jon Hoskins, Levy Evaluator reviewed information that had been provided to the Strategy 5 committee. This included the current Levy evaluation work plan, 2008 aggregate service and demographic report that summarizes reports received on each of the levy funded services, and Section I, of the Outcome Evaluation of Strategy One: Enhancing Access to Services for Veterans and Their Families 1 Veterans Services Evaluation Report.

Jon Hoskins also reviewed the status of each of the Strategy 5 activities and mentioned planning that is taking place around Activity 5.8, Common Data Set. Jon Hoskins will present a procurement plan to the group in the near future to plan for the common data set that will be a partnership for health systems information sharing. The purpose of the system is to combine records of individuals who are high utilizers of certain systems to make proper treatment and records tracking more efficient. About \$300K is currently in the levy plan.

Co-Chair's Report

- None

King County Staff Report: Staff provided the following information.

- Doris Tavaseu has resigned her position on the RHSLOB.
- The 1st Quarter Levy report and the 2008 Levy Annual Report are to King County Council on June 1st..

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Petitions/Communications:

A board member highlighted that Bill Block, Project Director for the Committee to End Homelessness and our own Joe Ingram spoke at the Bellevue Human Services

Commission meeting. Joe provides intervention with homeless individuals that are brought to his attention by the city offices of Bellevue, Kirkland and Issaquah and connects them with the services they need.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.



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Action Items from May 20 RHSLOB meeting:

Marcy:

Send out Update on Strategy 4.1 document to all members of board.

Bring the draft policy (for potential future funding transition requests) to the group and determine a decision tree to explain process.

Marcy will add to email to group about carpooling with Sadikifu for future presentations.

Survey for new meeting time.